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EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-14

**TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF HEALTH CARE
FOR PERSONS SERVED
BY THE SUN LIFE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER IN SAN MANUEL**

WHEREAS, the facility known as the San Manuel Healthcare Clinic began providing primary and urgent care medical services to residents of San Manuel and the surrounding area in 1987 under the ownership of TMC HealthCare; and

WHEREAS, the San Manuel Healthcare Clinic provides medical services to patients with private health insurance, public sponsored health insurance, and the working poor, all for whom the nearest comparable medical facility is some 40 miles away; and

WHEREAS, the San Manuel Healthcare Clinic provided over 22,000 essential primary care visits for children and adults in 1998 and also provided laboratory, x-ray and pharmacy services to community residents; and

WHEREAS, BHP Copper announced the curtailment of mining operations in San Manuel; and

WHEREAS, TMC HealthCare announced in July 1999 that it would discontinue operating the clinic by December 31, 1999 to focus on its primary business of providing acute care hospital services at Tucson Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the San Manuel Healthcare Clinic could jeopardize the health and well-being of community residents; and

WHEREAS, TMC HealthCare has reached an agreement to transition ownership of the San Manuel Healthcare Clinic to Sun Life Family Health Center, Inc. and change the name of the clinic to the Sun Life Family Health Center; and

WHEREAS, the Sun Life Family Health Center, Inc., requires short-term funding to begin operations of the Sun Life Family Health Center in San Manuel in December 1999; and

WHEREAS, during the 1997 First Regular Session of the Forty-third Legislature, the Health Crisis Fund was established, authorizing the Governor to expend funds in order to respond to an existing health crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby declare a health crisis or a significant potential for a health crisis in this State and hereby,

1. Allocate such funds as necessary, not to exceed \$130,000, from the Health Crisis Fund as established pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797 to the Department of Health Services, to be distributed on an as needed basis, for start-up costs associated with the transition of the Sun Life Family Health Center in San Manuel from TMC HealthCare to Sun Life Family Health Center, Inc.
2. Direct the Department of Health Services to report the expenditures made by the Sun Life Family Health Center in San Manuel related to this Executive Order to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Tobacco Tax and Health Care Fund pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janice K. Lee Gull

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Seventeenth day of November in the Year one Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Third.

ATTEST:

Betsy Doyles
SECRETARY OF STATE

